

God Is Never Not

The Exodus

God Is Never Not God

Exodus 1. 8-11,15-17, 22

God Is Never Not in CONTROL

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

In many ways Exodus is about the conflict of Pharaoh against God

9 He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10 Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land." 11 So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor.

16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

Pharaoh was never a god and he was never in control

Pharaoh had the freedom to end the plagues but not the power

Pharaoh allowed his people to suffer because of his refusal to turn to God

You are arguing that there are times that God is not . . .

But if God is never not, then you are in deep trouble

The Cross shows that God is always God